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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

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RE: City of Cleveland - Provisional Status  
Tennessee Qualifying Local Program

Dear Mr. Broom,

Congratulations! The Cleveland MS4 program successfully meets the application requirements of the Tennessee Qualifying Local Program (QLP) and may begin participating under provisional status. As discussed during the application process, the provisional status period provides time to educate stakeholders and make the remaining program revisions identified on the attached application review sheet. The minimum length of the provisional period will be three months. Once completed, your program will be considered to have full status, and may begin issuing QLP-based construction stormwater permits.

Stakeholder education is critical to the success of a smooth transition from an MS4 to QLP. There is no specified amount of stakeholder education required during the provisional period. However, it is expected that the provisional QLP will target appropriate internal and external stakeholders, utilizing various methods such as email, mailing lists, stakeholder meetings, signage, and website content. Please consider the methods you will utilize, and submit a stakeholder education plan within two weeks of receiving this letter. An example plan is attached as guidance.

The Division of Water Resources will announce your provisional status in mid-May, and assist with education and advertising to ensure that the development community in your area is aware of the changes that will affect their site submittals and related fees. We will provide you with additional details about the public announcement and our educational efforts in the weeks ahead.

Thank you very much for your interest in such an important program. We look forward to working with you and your staff to promote the protection of our state's waters.

Sincerely,

Tisha Calabrese Benton, Director  
Division of Water Resources

Attachments: Cleveland QLP Application Review Sheet  
Example Stakeholder Education Plan